

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 24, 2010. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 3-0.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND SAVE AWARD

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin thanked Mayor Schmitt and the board for allowing time to recognize the heroic acts that took place on August 11, 2010 at 1328 Mill Street when a 16 month old child fell into a swimming pool.

Mayor Schmitt said the City wants to recognize some important people in our community who saved a life. He stated that due to the quick thinking of ten-year old Drake Lechner, a child's life was saved from drowning. Detective Sergeant Lisa Miller and Officer Adam Bower of the Jasper Police Department responded to the call and helped save the life of the small child. After CPR was administered the child was taken to Memorial Hospital for observation.

Mayor Schmitt then presented Certificates of Recognition to Lechner, Miller and Bower.

Suzan Henke, Director of Ambulance Services from Memorial Hospital, said the Hospital wants to recognize those who used the AED units and they want to recognize Miller and Bower and other individuals who showed exemplary action. Henke then presented Miller and Bower with the SAVE award.

Henke also mentioned the three first responders, Phil Schmidt, Adam Vaal, and Kenneth Hochgesang, and the two EMTs, Ryan Saters and Ryan Bender who were also involved that day.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal notice. The locations are as follows:

Names	Location
Kam Cheun Cheng	1516 Jackson Street Reiders Pt Lot 11
Paul J. Bromm	PT SE SE 23-1-5, .344A

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fuel & Maintenance Report. Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang presented to the board to review the monthly fuel and maintenance report.

Field fire. Chief Hochgesang thanked all the fire departments who assisted in the recent field fire. It was a big fire and they were able to save the homes on the back side of the property.

HOLY FAMILY FIRE STATION

Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang then showed pictures of the damage repair work being done at the Holy Family Fire Station and said there will be a change order for the foundation because they had to go deeper than expected.

City Engineer Chad Hurm said the contractor will replace the front part of the building that was damaged and he thinks the rest of the building should match. He obtained quotes from the contractor for roofing.

Vinyl roofing	\$12,200.00
Shingle roofing	\$ 7,250.00
Metal roofing	\$8,250.00

Hurm recommended the metal roofing for \$8250.00, Hurm said since the contractor was doing the other repair work, it is only feasible that the contractor do the roofing project at the same time.

Mayor Schmitt said the board needs to decide what type roofing to use. He also said this is an opportunity to upgrade to metal roofing for all sides of the building.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve putting metal on the facade to match all sides of fire station #2. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSINGS FOR BAND CONTEST

Traffic Safety Auxiliary Chief Gerald Gagne asked permission to close or restrict the following streets to through traffic on October 2, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Indiana High School district band competition at Alumni Stadium:

- Second Street from East of Hometown IGA to Clay St. will be closed
- W. 5th from St. John St. to West of Scott Rolan Dr. will be closed for Westbound traffic. Eastbound traffic for parking will be allowed
- The parking lot at 6th & St John will be available for bank parking only
- Parking will be allowed on W 5th St where legally posted and also the Lot behind 5th St School will be open for the handicapped
- Schroeder Complex and 2nd St will only be used for buses and band equipment vehicles

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request to block off the streets for the Indiana High School District Band contest on October 2, 2010 at Alumni Stadium. Motion carried 3-0.

PAPER SHREDDING DAY

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle asked permission to use the parking lot at the Jasper Train Depot on October 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a free public paper shredding event.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce to use the Train Depot lot for paper shredding on October 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

REPLACE ROOF AT POLICE STATION

City Engineer Chad Hurm said he sought quotes for the removal and replacement of the existing membrane roof at the police station. He said he sought quotes from Krempp Lumber, Schmidt Contracting, Hedinger Roofing, and Streicher Construction. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein then opened and read the following quote which was the only company to respond:

Schmidt Contracting \$19,250.00 non collusion affidavit included

Board member Thomas Schmidt recused himself from voting because of financial interest.

A **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to accept the quote from Schmidt Contracting. Motion carried 2-0.

RIVER WALK 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mayor Schmitt said 2010 is the 10th anniversary of the River Walk. A celebration is planned for October 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Schmitt said he will ask the Park Board to be a part of this.

STREET CLOSING

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to close East 14th Street between Jackson and Main Street today in order to replace the storm sewer.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the street commissioner to close 14th Street between Jackson and Main Streets to repair the storm sewer on provision he notifies the news media, police, public safety, and he waits until after the school bus traffic. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSE SIDEWALK

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle showed a picture of the Newton Street side of the former Astra Building and said the owner of the building, Jerry Gutzweiler, asked permission to close the sidewalk along that area so he can put scaffolding on the sidewalk in order to repair the building. Gutzweiler wants to do the work on a Wednesday since the Canine Clipper is closed that day of the week.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request to close the sidewalk to make repairs to the building and offer to place cones in the gutter pan to warn motorists and if needed for safety reasons close one lane to traffic. Motion carried 3-0.

TRUCK QUOTES - STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle stated that at the last meeting quotes for a 2011 one-ton utility truck were taken under advisement. He recommended accepting the lowest and most responsive quote from Ruxer Ford in the amount of \$35,301.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the low and most responsive quote from Ruxer Ford for \$35,301.00. Motion carried 3-0.

MODIFICATION OF OVERHEAD DOORS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said when the street department maintenance garage building was built, six overhead doors were installed; some were 14 ft tall and some were 12 ft tall. He would like to modify the two 12 ft doors and add a door section to each door to change them to 14 ft.

Lensing Wholesale/Architectural Sales submitted a quote for \$3,400.00 to modify both doors. Eckerle said he only obtained one quote because this is the company that supplied and installed the existing doors and currently performs the street department's overhead garage door maintenance and repairs. Other company door panels and parts would not interchange.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the quote from Lensing Wholesale/Architectural Sales to modify two existing overhead doors for \$3,400.00. Motion carried 3-0.

963 TRACK LOADER

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said they need to redo the undercarriage on the 963 track loader [hilift]. He obtained an estimate from Whayne Supply for approximately \$28,000.00. but they will not know the extent of the repair until they tear it apart. Eckerle considered several options such as buying or leasing a new hilift or repairing the current unit. He said the best option is to repair it. Eckerle asked permission to go ahead with the repair after they do a TA1 inspection.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to move forward with getting repairs on the existing unit and report back when you get a final bill. Motion carried 3-0.

WEST VIEW ESTATES PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked the board to release the performance bond for the subdivision known as West View Estates, Streicher Construction Inc, developer.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to release the performance bond for West View Estates. Motion carried 3-0.

PATOKA ZENTRUM II PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked the board to release the performance bond for \$76,000.00 for the installation of the utility improvements for the Patoka Zentrum II Subdivision, BR Associates, Inc. developer.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to release the performance bond for Patoka Zentrum II for sanitary sewer, water, gas, and electric for \$76,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

At the August 10, 2010 meeting, an encroachment request from Roy and Karen Rohrscheib, 2609 Howard Drive, was tabled until further information was obtained.

City Engineer Chad Hurm said there is a 6 ft' public utility and drainage easement along the west property line and a utility building is constructed over the easement. The homeowners agreed to move the gas line at their expense but the building is still on the easement.

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said the City is working on obtaining additional easement in this area.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to grant the encroachment on condition the homeowner pays to move the gas line and they grant the City the additional easement. Motion carried 3-0.

5K RUN/WALK FUND RAISER

At the August 24, 2010 meeting the request made by Stacy Lindauer, representing Jasper Young Life, to hold a 5K run/walk fundraiser on Saturday, October 9, 2010 was tabled until the police chief had an opportunity to work with Stacy to work out the route details.

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin said he met with Lindauer and they were able to revise the route and work out all the details. He then showed the revised route which now crosses 36th Street at Portersville Road rather than travelling along 36th Street.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the 5K run/walk route for Jasper Young Life for October 9, 2010 as just described by the police chief. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Tornado testing. Police Chief Douglas Tarvin reported when the tornado warning sirens were tested on the first of the month, he had each site manned to make sure the sirens are working properly. There were some problems, one siren did not rotate, and one did not sound. Arrangements to have the repairs done have been made.

Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Conference. Chief Tarvin stated that he and the assistant chief attended the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Conference last week for one and one-half days and they obtained a lot of information.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/GREATER JASPER SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mayor Schmitt presented an interlocal agreement between the City of Jasper and the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools [GJCS]. The community wants to create a green space on the property that was the former Jasper Middle School next to the Cabby O'Neil gym. It is the intention of both parties that after the property is developed, the green space will be transferred to the City. This agreement allows City employees to be on the property and help with the development of the area.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve and enter into an interlocal agreement with the GJCS for the construction of a park located near the Cabby O'Neil gym. Motion carried 3-0.

TREE CITY USA

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented a draft ordinance concerning trees. There are requirements for becoming a Tree City USA and a step towards that goal is setting rules if trees are on City right-of-way or on public grounds within the City.

Mayor Schmitt said trees have a healthy and positive influence on our environment and this ordinance is making advances toward protecting trees on City property. It is also an attempt to make the public aware of how to plant and take care of trees.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to refer this tree ordinance to the Council for consideration. Motion carried 3-0.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented the following easements for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Permanent Public Utility and Drainage Easement

Robert A. Durcholz and Mary Jane Durcholz – Part of Lot 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44 in Wind Song Estates

Grant of Permanent Electric Utility Easement

Thomas E. Goepfrich and Patricia M. Goepfrich – Part of Lot 6 in Oak Ridge Estates I

Grant of Temporary Construction Easement

Randall J. and Jane A. Katter – Part of the NW quarter of the NE quarter of S27, T1S, R5W .22 acres.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve and accept the easements as described by the City Attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS. The claims against the City from August 6, 2010 to September 9, 2010 were presented to and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due and owing were approved 3-0 upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose ‘Butch’ Schitter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 28th day of September, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary